



EMOTIONS?

THE MOST
COMMON
CAUSE OF
AN ORGANI-
ZATION'S
IMPLOSION
IS EGOTISM
AND
EMOTIONS.



THE REASON IS
ABOUT TO BE
REVEALED!

WHY DID
RYUGORO
MAKE A RULE
THAT THE
SUCCESSION OF
THE INVESTMENT
CLUB'S CAPTAIN
IS TO BE BASED
ON SENIORITY,
SEPARATED BY
ONE YEAR?





IT WILL THEN
BRANCH INTO THE
INTERNAL ESTAB-
LISHMENT, WHICH
THEN IN TURN WILL
RAPIDLY WEAKEN
ORGANIZATIONAL
POWER. THIS WILL
EVENTUALLY LEAD
TO THE PATH OF
IMPLOSION.

IF THE
SELECTION OF
A SUCCESSOR
AND THE
TRANSFER OF
DUTIES AREN'T
SMOOTHLY
DETERMINED,
CONTENTION IS
BOUND TO
ARISE.



IT'S
EMOTIONS.

IN SUCH
INSTANCES,
WHAT RUNS
RAMPANT IN
PEOPLE'S
MINDS IN AN
ORGANIZA-
TION?



WHAT LIES
BEHIND THAT
EMOTIONAL
FIRE IS...

NO MATTER
HOW RATIONAL A
PERSON MIGHT
USUALLY BE,
ONCE THEIR
EMOTIONAL FIRE
IS STOKED, IT
BURNS BEYOND
THEIR PERSONAL
CONTROL.



AND
FEAR.

...MOSTLY
JEALOUSY.



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AND FEAR...



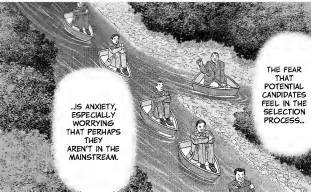
THE REAL
PROBLEM
IS FEAR.

HOWEVER,
IT'S
MANAGE-
ABLE IF
JEALOUSY
IS THE
ONLY
ISSUE.



WHEN ONE
NO LONGER
FEELS A
SENSE OF
SUPERIORITY,
THEY BEGIN
TO HATE THE
OBJECT OF
THAT
FEELING.

JEALOUSY IS
THE MAIN CAUSE
OF AN EGO
HARBORING
FRUSTRATIONS
AGAINST ITS
OPPONENT.



...IS ANXIETY,
ESPECIALLY
WORRYING
THAT PERHAPS
THEY
AREN'T IN THE
MAINSTREAM.

THE FEAR
THAT
POTENTIAL
CANDIDATES
FEEL IN THE
SELECTION
PROCESS..



AND FOR
THAT, IF THEY
FIND AN
ALLY WHO'LL
PROTECT THEM,
THEY'LL AGREE
WITH THAT ALLY
EVEN IF THEY
KNOW THE ALLY
IS WRONG.

PEOPLE
ALWAYS WANT
TO BE IN THE
MAINSTREAM.
THEY'LL FIGHT
TOOTH AND
NAIL TO
PRESERVE
THEIR PLACE IN
CALLING THE
SHOTS.



PEOPLE
TURN HOSTILE
TOWARD
OTHERS WHO
ARE DISSONANT
WITH THEIR
POINTS OF
VIEW, AND
BEGIN TO
ATTACK THEM.

WHAT THEN RESULTS
IS A COLLECTIVE
ANXIETY OF WANTING
TO ESCAPE FROM
FEAR, AND DOING
WHATEVER IT TAKES
TO DO SO. ACTIONS
BECOME BASED IN IR-
RATIONALITY AND
ERRONEOUS
JUDGMENTS.



THEY DEAL
GREAT DAMAGE
TO EACH OTHER,
THE ORGANIZATION
IS DEALT A
DESTRUCTIVE
BLOW, AND IT
WILL EVENTUALLY
CRUMBLE!

IT THEN TURNS
INTO A PATHETIC
MUD-SLINGING
BATTLE BETWEEN
HOSTILE ENEMIES
WHO EXPOSE
THEIR EMOTIONS
UNGLASSHELDLY!



IT MUST
BE CLEARLY
ESTABLISHED
AS LAW!

THE DOJUKU
INVESTMENT CLUB
MUST NOT ENGAGE
IN SUCH FOOLISH
BATTLES.
THAT'S WHY I AM
IMPLEMENTING THE
RULE BEFOREHAND
ABOUT THE PROCESS
OF SELECTING
A SUCCESSOR.



THAT'S
CORRECT.

AND THAT
LAW IS FOR
THE ROLE OF
CAPTAIN TO
BE HANDED
TO THE CAP-
TAIN'S KOHAI
WHO IS ONE
YEAR HIS
JUNIOR.



THIS
MUST
ALSO BE
LAW.

AND NEW
MEMBERS MUST
BE SELECTED
OUT OF THOSE
WHO PERFORMED
AT THE HIGHEST
LEVEL OF
ENTRANCE
EXAMS.



AND THE
REASON
FOR
THAT IS?

THE
HIGHEST
ACHIEVER
OF THE
ENTRANCE
EXAMS?



THE MEMBERS
OF THE
INVESTMENT
CLUB MUST
BE COMPRISED
OF THE MOST
SUPERIOR
STUDENTS IN
DOJUKU.

THE REASON
FOR THAT
IS SIMPLE:
BECAUSE
HE'S
SUPERIOR.



JUST BECAUSE HE'S AT THE TOP OF THE ENTRANCE EXAMS DOESN'T MEAN THE STUDENT IS SUPERIOR.

BUT, ZAIZEN-SAN, I TAKE ISSUE WITH THAT.



YOU'LL NEVER REACH A DECISION IF YOU DO THOSE THINGS.



HOW ELSE DO YOU RECOMMEND DECIDING?



...THE PERSON SHOULD BE PICKED AFTER CONSIDERING VARIOUS ANGLES AND MAKING AN OVERALL EVALUATION.

YOU KNOW.



BUT THAT'S TOO PRAGMATIC.



THEY MUST BE NUMBER ONE IN ACADEMICS. THAT'S THE MOST ESSENTIAL THING.





THE REASON
IS SAID TO BE
THAT SHARKS
DON'T ATTACK
PEOPLE
WEARING A
RED LOIN-
CLOTH.

SHARKS
HAVE NO SENSE
OF COLOR.
THEY CAN'T
DISTINGUISH RED
FROM WHITE.
THEY ATTACK
WHEN THEY
ATTACK, SO
HOW DID THIS
SUPERSTITION
COME TO BE?

IT'S
ACTUALLY
RIDICULOUS.

DURING
LONG-DISTANCE
SWIMMING
TRAINING, ALL
SOLDIERS MUST
FEAR GOING
INTO THE SEA
TROUBLED BY
THIS FACT, A
DRILL SERGEANT
MUST HAVE
SAID:

THIS IS
WHAT I
THINK...





...OR
SOMETHING
TO THAT
EFFECT.

SHARKS
DON'T
ATTACK
RED LOIN-
CLOTHS!



SO THE RED
LOINCLOTH
BECAME AN
ESTABLISHED
RULE IN THE
MILITARY'S
LONG-DISTANCE
SWIMMING
TRAINING.

EMBOLDENED
BY HIS
ASSERTION,
THE SOLDIERS
WOULD HAVE
DIVED IN WITH
THEIR FEAR
AVERTED.



...ARE MERE
TOOLS TO
MOTIVATE
PEOPLE, TO
MAKE THEM
BELIEVE IN
SOMETHING.

SOCIETAL
OBSERVA-
TIONS AND
RULES...

THEY'RE RED
LOINCLOTHS!

THAT'S WHAT
RULES ARE,
THINGS PEOPLE
OBEY WITHOUT
DOUBTING!

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THEY'RE
RULES THAT
EVERYONE
WILL
EVENTUALLY
FOLLOW.

SO YOU'RE SAYING
THAT THE RULE OF
SUCCESSION YOU'VE
MANDATED AND THE
RULE OF SELECTING
MEMBERS OUT
OF THE TOP
PERFORMERS OF
THE ENTRANCE
EXAMS ARE RED
LOINCLOTHS.



THEY MIGHT
WANT TO KNOW
THE REASON BEHIND
THE RULES AT FIRST,
BUT THEY'LL
FOLLOW THEM
UNCONDITIONALLY
AFTER THEY'VE BEEN
IN PLACE FOR FIVE
TO TEN YEARS.

THAT'S
CORRECT.



BUT THEY
WON'T PUT
AN END TO IT,
BECAUSE IT'S
BECOME AN
ESTABLISHED
CUSTOM.

IF WE WERE TO
SCIENTIFICALLY
INVESTIGATE THE
MILITARY'S RED
LOINCLOTH
RULE, IT'D
CLEARLY SHOW
ITSELF TO BE
INEFFECTUAL.



AND 100 YEARS
FROM NOW,
THE MERE
SUPERSTITION
WILL PROBABLY
BECOME A
TRADITIONAL
CEREMONY BY
DINT OF ITS
SHEER
FAMILIARITY.

CUSTOMS
BECOME
TRADITIONS,
AND THEY
GET REBORN
WITH NEW
VALUES.



SO NOW
IS THE
FAVORABLE
TIME
DETERMINE
THEM.

THE DOJUKU
INVESTMENT
CLUB HAS
NO RULES
OR LAWS IN
PLACE YET.



WHICH MEANS
THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE INVEST-
MENT CLUB WOULD
COME TO A HALT,
THE ORGANIZATION
WOULD WEAKEN,
AND IT WOULD
EVENTUALLY
CRUMBLE.

IF THEY
WERE TO BE
DETERMINED ON
THE BASIS
OF GROUP
DISCUSSIONS,
NOTHING
WOULD EVER
BE DECIDED.



ONE PERSON
MUST
DECLARE
THEM AS
IRONCLAD!

RULES
MUST BE
PREDETER-
MINED!



BUT IT
MUST BE
ESTAB-
LISHED IN
NO UN-
CERTAIN
TERMS.

THERE IS NO
RHYME OR
REASON TO THE
PROCESS OF
DETERMINING
THE SUCCESSOR
AND NEW
MEMBER.



I SEE.



THE
SUCCESSOR
IN LINE IS
TO BE THE
CAPTAIN'S
JUNIOR BY
ONE YEAR,
AND THE NEW
MEMBER IS TO
BE THE TOP
NEW STUDENT.



THESE ARE
THE RED
LOINCLOTHS
OF THE
DOJUKU
INVESTMENT
CLUB.



THIS IS
OF UTMOST
IMPORTANCE.

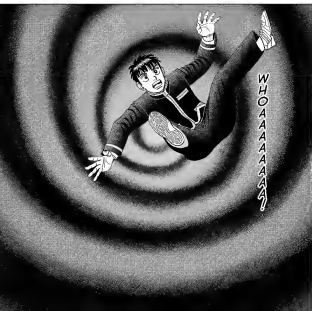
AND
ONE
LAST
THING.



HARA-KUN,
THE DAY AND
TIME TO PASS
THE MANTLE
TO THE
SUCCESSOR
WILL BE
DECEMBER 12,
AT 3:03 PM.

UTMOST
IMPORTANCE?







IT'S THE
FUJITA
MANSION IN
TOKYO.

HEY, DON'T I
KNOW THIS
PLACE?



OH.





